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Sherry Spencer post on Medium
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Does Love Really Live Here?

My name is Sherry Spencer, and I am Richard Spencer's mom. I'm a resident of Whitefish, Montana, and am the proud owner of a beautiful mixed-use facility in town.

It was years ago now that I first broke ground on the building, which features vacation-rental apartments and office spaces. I hired a local architect and builder to bring my ideas to life—and both exceeded my expectations.

I am the **sole owner** of the facility. It was built, not just with my capital, but with my ideas and sensibility. The apartments even include my original artwork, and the rooftop garden features my ceramic mural, which celebrates the Whitefish Winter Carnival.

In other words, I poured my heart and soul into this project.

The building opened in late 2015, and received wide acclaim from the local press. And the vacation apartments have been enjoyed by people from around the world.

Richard does not own the building, nor has he ever used it for his writing or publishing. Put simply, the building has nothing to do with politics—and it has everything to do with tourism and local businesses.



I had no intention of selling . . . until I started receiving terrible threats in the last couple of weeks.

These threats came from Tanya Gersh, a local realtor with links to “human rights” organizations Love Lives Here and the Montana Human Rights Network.


On November 22, Gersh and I spoke on the phone. She relayed to me that if I did not sell my building, 200 protesters and national media would show up outside—which would drive down the property value—until I complied. Gersh's other conditions included that I make a

public denunciation of my son in a statement written by the Montana Human Rights Network and that I make a donation to this organization from the sale of the property. As Gersh announced on Facebook, she was “spear heading” the campaign.


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Great news. Just spoke with Sherry Spencer. She is going to sell their building on Luper Avenue and donate some \$ to Human Rights Networks. She is also going to make some public statements protecting Whitefish. Building will go on the market in the next day or two. I am spear heading. Richard is moving to DC and will be done with Whitefish. Anyone who wants details, feel free to contact me.


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Thank you Tanya Gersh! I applaud you for stepping up!


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Gersh followed up on her conditions in a number of emails, which I've just made public. She even shamelessly suggested that she act as my realtor! In other words, she and the local "human rights" organizations appeared to seek financial benefit from threats of protests and reputation damage. The same day Gersh first contacted me, I received a sales offer, even though I had not expressed any intention to sell, nor had anything been publicized.

One renter reported to me that Gersh threatened her business with boycotts unless she moved. This renter also alleged that Gersh called her "collateral damage." As the manager of the property, I employ a number of local maids and other maintenance personnel, who would lose their jobs if I were to sell. More "collateral damage," I guess.

I never wanted to go public with this story. However, the fact that so many news outlets have reported on it forces my hand.

Whatever you think about my son's ideas—they are, after all, ideas—in what moral universe is it right for the "sins" of the son to be visited upon the mother?

All I wanted to do with the building was help Whitefish.

The people attacking me claim that "loves lives here." Now it's time for them to show it.

Addendum posted on December 17, 2016.

I strongly urge that everyone stays within the bounds of respectful, civilized discussion of this matter by refraining from abusive comments or targeted harassment of any of the parties involved, or their families. I disavow the harassment that anyone faced as a result of these events first being brought to light by the media even *prior* to this publication of my side of the story. After all, my own family and I have faced—and continue to face—numerous threats and bullying on social media as well.

